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PLATES AND BENDING-PLIERS SYSTEM
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The above identified patent application was filed over 14 months ago. The failure by the Patent Office to take action within this time frame may result in an adjustment of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) and 37 CFR 1.702 -- 1.705. We note that the last communication received from the Patent Office was the FILING RECEIPT dated June 1, 2004. Applicant urgently requests that the Patent Office advise applicant's undersigned attorney as to the status of the application.

Favorable and prompt consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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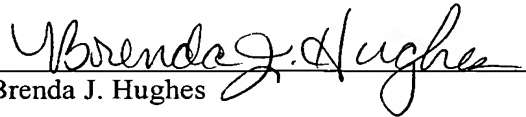
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